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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 RON JOHNSON,

No. C-10-02505 EDL

12 Plaintiff,

**ORDER RE: PLAINTIFF'S  
APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT  
JUDGMENT**

13 v.

14 BRITISH PETROLEUM OF AMERICA,

15 Defendant.  
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17 On September 2, 2010, Plaintiff filed an Application for Default Judgment against British  
18 Petroleum of America. To date, there has been no entry of default against Defendant British  
19 Petroleum of America, which is a necessary prerequisite to entry of default judgment under Federal  
20 Rule of Civil Procedure 55. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Application for Default Judgment is denied  
21 without prejudice. If Plaintiff believes that Defendant is in default, Plaintiff should first seek entry  
22 of default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a). If default is entered, then Plaintiff may  
23 seek a default judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).

24 The Court urges Plaintiff to visit the Legal Help Center at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 15th  
25 Floor, Room 2796, San Francisco, CA 94102, where help is provided by appointment only. To  
26 make an appointment, either sign up in the appointment book on the table outside the door of the  
27 Center, located on the 15th floor of the federal courthouse in San Francisco, Room 2796 or call  
28 (415) 782-9000, extension 8657. The Court also urges Plaintiff to obtain the Pro Se Handbook,  
which is available from the clerk's office on the 16th floor at the federal building at 450 Golden

1 Gate Avenue, or on the Court's website ([www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov)), if he has not done so already.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: September 21, 2010

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5 ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE  
6 United States Magistrate Judge  
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